

# Mountaineer Trail #798



## Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 2.7 miles (loop)

Elevation..... 5880-6960 feet

Snow Free ..... July to October



More Difficult

**Trail Highlights:** This is the highest elevation trail on the south side of Mt Hood and most of it is above tree line with outstanding views. Visitors can head west one mile to the old Timberline Cabin site and return on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail for an easier 2 mile hike. Or for a more challenging 2.7 mile hike, continue up to the 7000' elevation Silcox Hut and the top of the Mile Ski lift. The northwestern corner of the trail is the least visited and has wonderful alpine terrain.

**Trail Description:** The clockwise loop trail starts 700 feet west of the lodge. The trail grade is easy until its junction with the Pacific Crest #2000/Timberline Trail #600 at 0.7 mile. After the junction, the trail climbs steeply through scenic open glades and wind battered timber. Continue 1 mile to the ski lift buildings and cross under the lower building to get to the Silcox Hut. From here, descend 1 mile to the road or one of the single tracks further east. If traveling on the road, turn right at the old water tower and follow the trail to the parking lot. If traveling on the single track, turn right once you gain a contouring trail or the Pacific Crest Trail and follow it west until you can descend to the parking lot. If following the trail counterclockwise, the trail starts at Timberline Lodge.

### Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- The Mountaineer Trail passes through areas with naturally sparse vegetation. Please stay on the trail to protect the vegetation

#### Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare: Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces: Use established trails and campsites.
- Dispose of Waste Properly: Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.
- Leave What You Find: Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Minimize Campfire Impacts: Use established fire rings & keep fires small.
- Respect Wildlife: Control pets at all times.
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors: Avoid loud voices and noises.

For information on **Leave No Trace**, go to [www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org) or call 1-800-332-4100

**For current trail conditions and more recreation information go to:**

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/mthood>

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**Directions to Trailhead:** From Portland, travel east of Sandy on US Hwy 26 29.2 miles to Timberline Road. Turn left on Timberline Road and travel 5.3 miles to the Timberline Lodge. Park in the main parking lot and walk up to the entrance of the historic Timberline Lodge. From this grand entrance, walk 700' west going under the Magic Mile ski lift. The trail starts at a small parking lot just past the lift.

